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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant is citing two references that were cited in a corresponding Japanese application. Applicant has not been able to locate an English abstract for either of the references.

Applicant believes that the Japanese document 60-183483 refers to an elevator system including a termination for securing an end of a rope 3 to a car frame as shown in Figure 2. The termination includes a rod 15 secured to the rope 3 and connected to the car frame by mounting member 14a including a first spring 14 located between the mounting member 14a and a support member 17. A second spring 16 is located on the support member 17 between the support member 17 and the car frame. The support member 17 also includes a controller 18 for overriding the second spring 16 when the elevator car is stopped at a floor.

The document 59-137431 is believed to refer to a rubber spring assembly for an automobile suspension. Elastic bodies 16, 20 and 22 are located on a strut bar 34 having spring rates of K_1 , K_2 and K_3 , respectively. The first elastic body 16 is preloaded so that when an axial load F is applied to the strut bar 34 the spring rate will be $K_2 + K_3$ until the load reaches a threshold of F_0 . After the load exceeds the threshold of F_0 , the first elastic body 16 is further compressed to provide a spring rate of $1/(1/K_1 + 1/(K_2 + K_3))$, which is shown in Figure 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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